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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action comprising a Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on March 6, 2007 with a 31 days shortened statutory period for response.

REMARKS

Response to Restriction Requirement - Group I Election with Traverse

The Office Action requires restriction to one of the following Groups of claims:

Group 1, claim(s) 2-12, 14, 16, 18-24, as specifically drawn to methods of determining prognosis comprising detecting MN/CA9 gene